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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: EISENHOWER EXCHANGE

FOR CU/EE

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1. LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF EISENHOWER EXCHANGE PROGRAM HELD WITH KORNEYEV, CHIEF FOREIGN RELATIONS, ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND STAFF. MFA HAS PASSED RESPONSIBILITY TO ACADEMY.
2. SOVIETS UNDERSTAND PRESTIGE AND OPPORTUNITIES OF PROGRAM. IT APPEARS LIKELY THEY WILL NOMINATE CANDIDATE FOR THIS SIX MONTH, INDIVIDUAL GRANT -- AN UNUSUAL FORMAT FOR SOVIET PARTICIPATION. THEIR QUESTIONS INDICATE THEY CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF WIFE ACCOMPANYING.
3. DOUBTFUL THEY WILL AGREE TO SCREENING COMMITTEE OR PANEL OF NOMINEES. INSTEAD THEY LIKELY WILL NOMINATE INDIVIDUAL, WITH UNDERSTANDING FINAL DECISION LIES WITH TRUSTEES' SELECTION COMMITTEE. THEY CONCERNED CANDIDATE MAY FACE REJECTION, SO THERE MAY BE INFORMAL COMMUNICATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER CANDIDATE MEETS ALL CRITERIA BEFORE FORMAL NOMINATION.
4. ACADEMY CONSIDERING SCIENCE AND NON-SCIENCE FIELDS FOR PRIORITIES IN FIRST AND ENSUING YEARS. THEY UNDERSTAND PROGRAM FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH TOP-RANKING ADMINISTRATORS AND EXPERTS REATHER THAN ACADEMIC STUDY OR LABORATORY RESEARCH.

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5. SINCE ACADEMY HAS JUST RECEIVED PROGRAM, UNLIKELY THEY
CAN FIELD CANDIDATE FOR JANUARY. PLEASE RECOMMEND DEADLINES
FOR NOMINATION AND DEPARTURE. SUGGEST JANUARY 15 REASONABLE
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION. ALSO AIRPOUCH ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION SHEETS.DUBS

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